

Stickmen Tackle Army Saturday— West Pointers Rated Favorites

Lacrosse will open the Penn State home spring sports program. The Nittany stickmen will

tackle the powerful 1945 co-champion Army team Saturday afternoon.

Last year's Army team battled to a 7-7 tie with the Navy Midgies to gain joint control of the Wingate Cup presented to the Intercollegiate Lacrosse champions.

This year's Cadet team has four regulars from the championship team and will field a veteran combination with only four men that haven't seen action on the varsity. These four have had experience on Army's highly rated junior varsity.

With the final week of practice Coach Nick Thiel expects to polish the team to be ready to meet the highly favored West Pointers. He will count heavily on the lettermen from last season: Captain John Nolan, Ken Kerwin, Bronco Kosanovich, Walt Stevens, and Howdy Taylor. All except Kosanovich are members of the NROTC.

Pete Johnson who was a letter winner as a goalie on Thiel's 1944 team has been shifted to inside defense. Bill Hollenbach who is expected to fill the net duties is a letterman from the 1944 team.

Two ex-servicemen that are rounding into shape and will probably see plenty of action this season are Don Kay and John Finley. Kay was a member of the squad in 1942.

Bernie Cramer, who dropped out of college in the fall of 1939 because of an injury, is showing up well in practice drills.



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We are one of those who would like to see Nittany Lion teams entered in league competition.

However, as we found out soon enough, it is much easier said than done. In collegiate circles, especially, it is not something that is signed, sealed, and delivered overnight, for, as one sports scribe put it, "the longest way around in the formation of a league or conference is the most direct approach."

Coaches, players, and fans, are for the most part in favor of leagues, chiefly baseball and basketball. The contention is that a league bolsters the fighting spirit among competing teams and the competition is stronger and keener, while interest is increased for the fan who is pulling for a top team.

Football Conference

The latest flareup concerning leagues was instigated by Temple and Georgetown grid coaches, Ray Morrison and Jack Haggerty, who are in favor of forming an eastern football conference consisting of such teams as Penn State, Temple, Georgetown, Colgate, Syracuse, and West Virginia.

But there are too many complications to overcome before such a league could be realized. First and foremost is the long standing relationship one team has with another, as the Lions with Pitt and Navy.

Another strong factor against a linking of teams is that of the athletic and educational ideals and practices of member teams over a long period of time.

Cage Chances Best

The chances for a league, however, lie best with the cage squad, although if someone gave the ball a good shove an Eastern Baseball League might result. Such coaches as Penn State's Joe Bedenk and Colgate's Eppie Barnes would like to see their teams in a league. Unlike football, the Lion nine could be in a league of eight teams and still play other games outside the league with long-standing opponents.

The Eastern Basketball Conference was a successful league for five years before the war until Pittsburgh broke it up. Besides the Lions and Pitt, Temple, Carnegie Tech, Georgetown, and West Virginia were also members. Temple and Pitt would be hardest to reconvince, but other teams such as Colgate, Syracuse, Muhlenberg, Lafayette could be given bids.

Other sections of the country, including the Pacific Coast, the South, the Southwest, the Middle West, even the Ivy colleges have leagues, successful leagues, in major and minor sports. Why not the East and Penn State? Leo

State Takes Olmstead 4-3 In Tenth Inning

Before a shivering Army Day crowd, Penn State's baseball team pushed across a run in the top half of the tenth inning to defeat the Olmstead Field Flyers 4-3 on their home grounds.

Led by Ken Yount, who pitched the full ten innings, the Bedenkmen scored the winning run on a walk, a single and a bunt. Yount looked just as fresh in the tenth as he did in the first. He struck out ten and issued no walks.

State was leading 3-2 going into Olmstead's half of the ninth when the Flyers tallied the tying run on a single, an error and a sacrifice fly. Yount was faced with the situation of having men on second and third with none out, his deepest hole of the afternoon. A deep fly and two strike outs sent the game into extra innings.

Kurowski Walks

"Whitey" Kurowski led off the tenth for State by drawing a walk from Hahn, the Flyer's relief pitcher. Chuck MacFarland came through in the pinch with his second hit of the day—a single to short center. Joe Tepsic placed a bunt along the first base line advancing the runners to second and third. Kurowski scored what proved to be the winning run when Fred Bell bounced out short to first. "Ogie" Martella fled to left field to end the inning.

A triangular track meet, with Penn State, Maryland and the University of Pittsburgh as contestants, will be held here May 4. Neil M. Fleming, graduate manager of athletics, said the date had been originally reserved for a dual meet with Maryland.

The Flyers threatened with a single in their half but the game was over when Yount forced the next three batters to fly out.

Bell led the Lions at the plate with two doubles. MacFarland came through with two timely singles. Only other extra base hit was by Berletic. The Lion centerfielder suffered a stoved finger in the seventh and was replaced by Joe Leith. Leith contributed to the Lion cause by being hit by a pitched ball.

Allman Replaced in Sixth

Allman, starting pitcher for the Flyers, a tobacco chewing veteran, lasted only five innings before the Lion sluggers. Hahn, who replaced him was a south-paw.

Coach Bedenk protested the illegal pitching stance of Hahn and ran out to the plate umpire when the ump refused to warn the pitcher. The situation was rectified before the game continued.

Next game, opener of the intercollegiate season will be with Lafayette at the New Beaver Field diamond April 19.

Track Trials Raise Hopes

Showing far greater promise than was expected, Coach Chick Werner's track squad went through its paces last Saturday afternoon with a stopwatch and a yardstick measuring their efforts. Though there was a brisk wind which hindered runners in the distance events and troubled the efforts of polevaulter Chuck Willing, the Nittany trackmen logged times which indicate some capable performances as the season progresses.

Jack Stephenson loomed as the outstanding sprint man of the squad as he was timed at 22.5 seconds in the 220-yard dash and 2:04 minutes in the half-mile run. Bob Kreitzer, varsity football back, hit the tape first in the 100-yard dash in 10.1 seconds.

In the high jump, another potential star, Jim Sykes, took first place with the bar at 6 feet 1 1/2 inches. Coach Werner predicts that Sykes will clear 6 feet 5 later in the season and bolster Penn State's hopes for victories against stiff competition.

Other good performances were those of Mitch Williams in the mile, Shuman in the 440-yard run, and Geiwig in the javelin event.

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